

# **Welwyn Parish Neighbourhood Plan Information Statement Referendum**

## **Key points**

- A referendum will take place on Thursday 7 May 2026
- It will take place in the parish of Welwyn
- The referendum concerns the proposed Welwyn Neighbourhood Plan, 2025–2036

## **What the referendum is deciding**

The question that will be asked in the referendum is:

**Do you want Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Welwyn to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?**

The referendum asks you to vote ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to this question.

## **About the proposed Welwyn Neighbourhood Plan**

Preparation of the Welwyn Neighbourhood Plan began following the designation of the Welwyn neighbourhood area by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council in September 2020. Welwyn Parish Council, as the qualifying body, led the preparation of the Plan with support from the Borough Council.

The Parish Council consulted on a draft neighbourhood plan between May and June 2024. The plan was subsequently revised in response to the consultation and submitted to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council in April 2025.

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council carried out consultation on the submitted plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

An independent examiner, David Kaiserman BA DipTP MRTPI, was appointed to examine the submitted plan. The examination was completed in November 2025 and was undertaken on the basis of written representations. The examiner issued his report on 6 November 2025. The report concluded that, subject to a number of modifications, the Welwyn Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and should proceed to referendum.

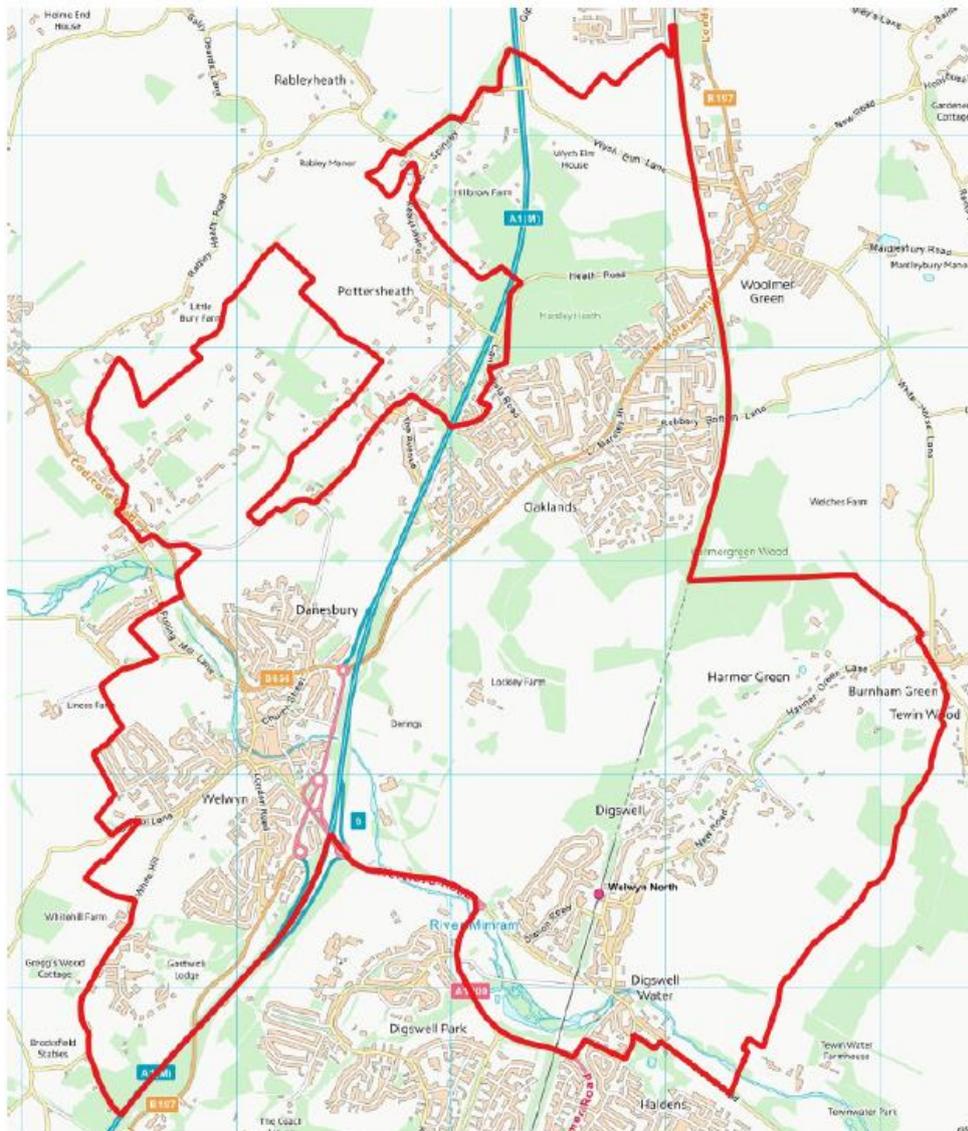
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council considered the examiner’s report and issued its decision on 24th February 2026. The Council agreed with the examiner’s conclusions and determined that the Welwyn Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, should proceed to referendum.

## **When will the referendum be held?**

The referendum will be held on Thursday 7 May 2026.

## What is the area covered by the referendum?

The referendum area is the area covered by the neighbourhood plan and is the parish of Welwyn, as shown within the red outline on the map below.



## Who is entitled to vote?

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if on **7 May 2026**:

- they are entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; and
- their qualifying address for the election is in the referendum area.

A person's qualifying address is, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, the address in respect of which they are entitled to be registered.

## Referendum expenses

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the referendum is £2,362 plus £0.059 per registered elector (the electorate on 2 March 2026 was 7,380).

### **Conduct of the referendum**

The referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

### **Specified documents**

The following documents are available for inspection:

- Welwyn Neighbourhood Plan
- Independent Examiner's Report
- Decision Statement
- Summary of representations submitted to the examiner
- This Information Statement
- A statement setting out general information about town and country planning and neighbourhood planning

These documents can be viewed:

**Online:** <https://www.welhat.gov.uk/homepage/115/neighbourhood-planning>

### **At the following locations:**

- Council Offices, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE
- Welwyn Parish Council Lockleys Drive Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9NT
- Welwyn Community Library, Civic Centre, Prospect Place, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, AL6 9ER

Copies are available during normal opening hours.

### **Date of statement**

Dated: 25 March 2026

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